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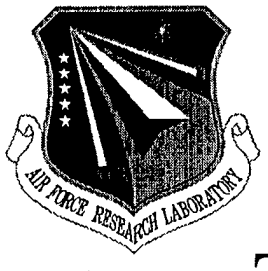

The Effects of Pressure on Fracture of a Rubbery Particulate Composite

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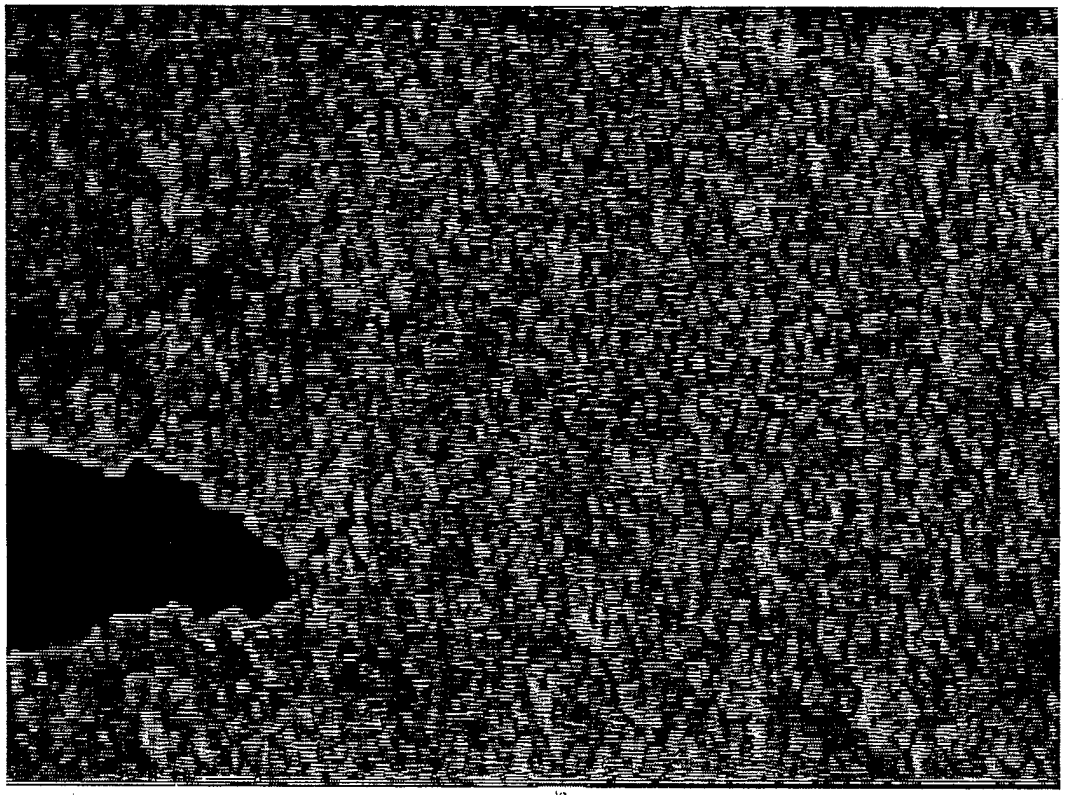
Introduction

- Need for studying effect of pressure
- Materials involved



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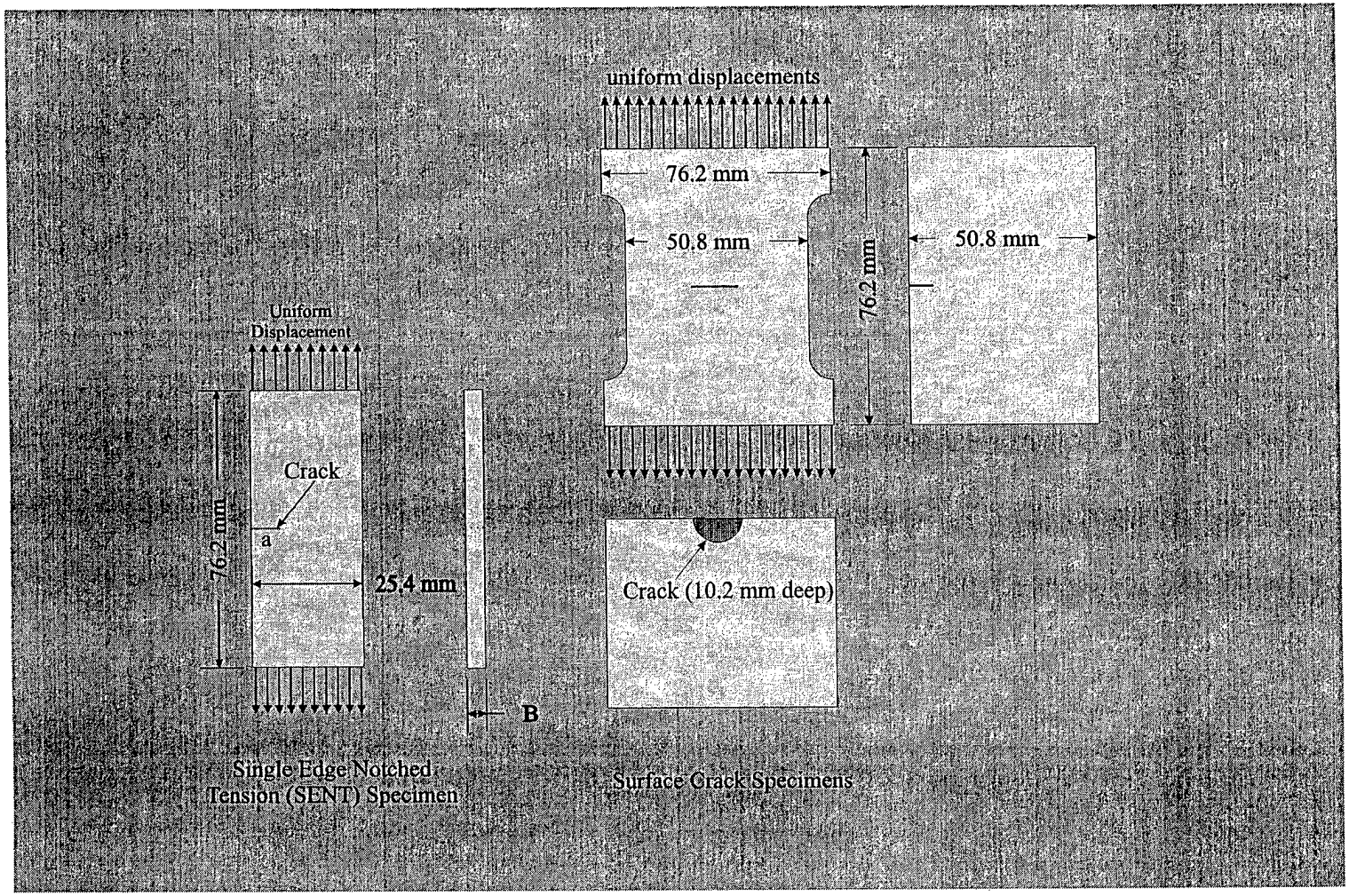
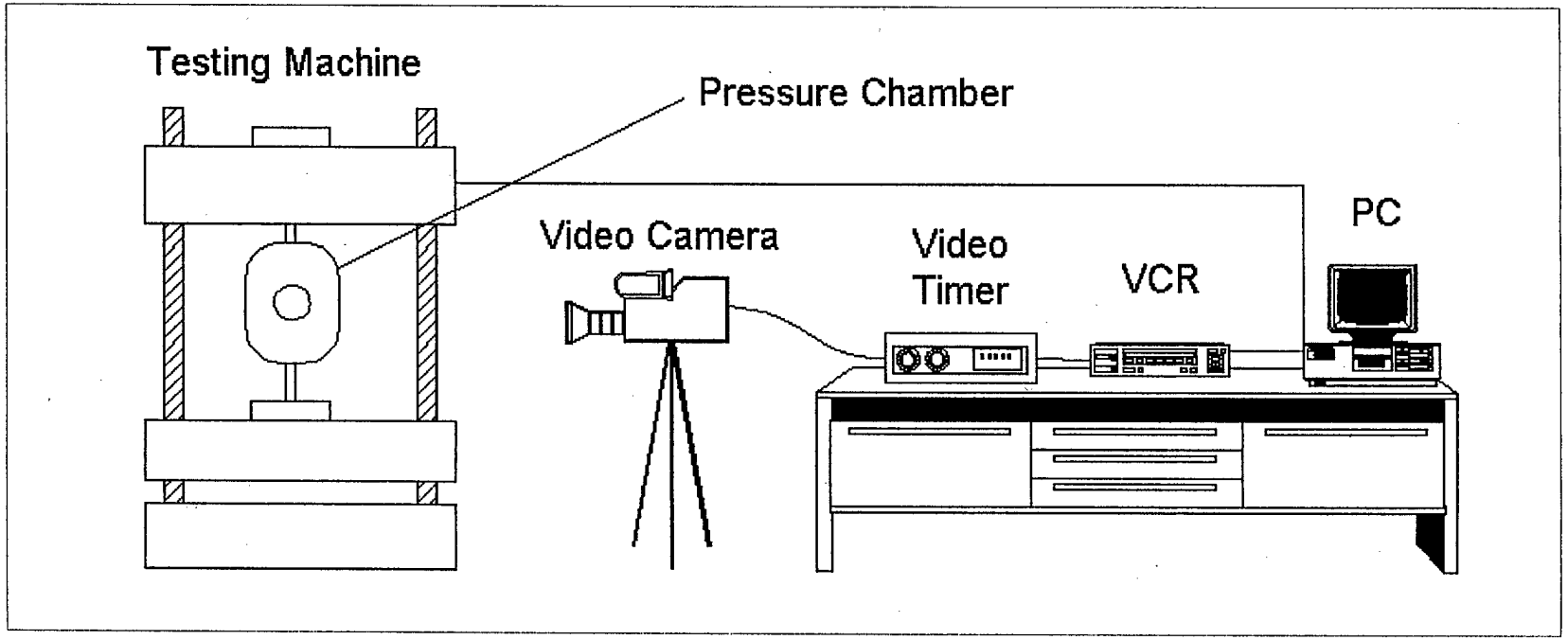


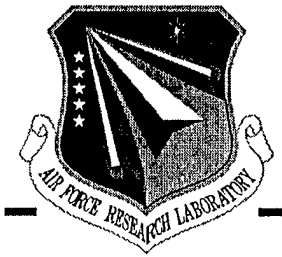
Test Matrix for Pressure Tested Specimens

Number of SENT specimens tested	B [mm] \ a_0 [mm]	2.54	7.62	12.70
	5.08	3	3	3
	12.70	3	3	3
	38.10	3	3	3
Number of surface crack specimens	6			

Experimental Method

- Test pressure of 6894 kPa
- Constant strain rate of 0.067 mm/mm/min.
- Room temperature
- Both single edge notched tension (SENT) and surface cracked specimens were tested





Modeling Issues

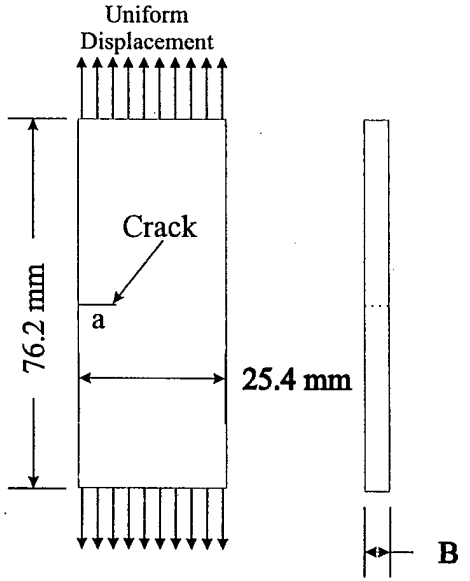
- Displacement controlled boundary conditions
- Use of hybrid elements for incompressible materials
- Domain integral method $\Rightarrow J \Rightarrow K_{Ii}$
- Geometric correction factor from $K_{Ii} / [\sigma(\pi a)^{1/2}]$

Geometric Correction Factors Used

SENT Geometry (a/w ratio varies)

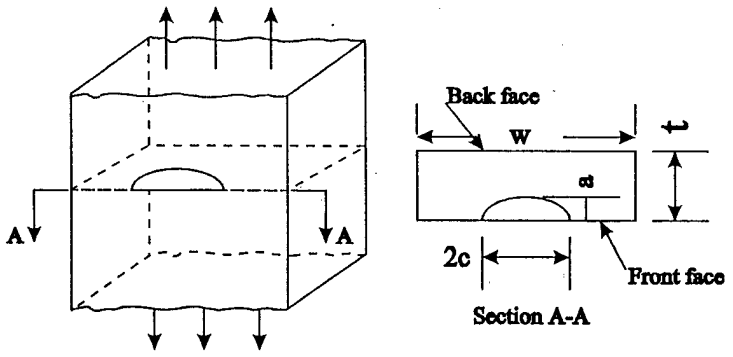
$$K_I = \sigma\sqrt{\pi a}\, f(a/w)$$

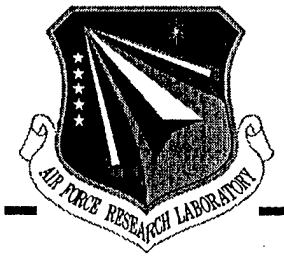
$$f(a/w) = 2.694\left(\frac{a}{w}\right)^3 - 1.949\left(\frac{a}{w}\right)^2 + 1.327\left(\frac{a}{w}\right) + 1.008$$



Surface Crack Geometry (fixed crack geometry)

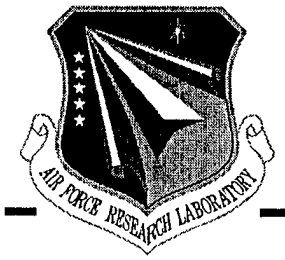
$$K_I = \sigma\sqrt{\pi a}\,(0.6720)$$





Results

- Determination of stress intensity factor at growth initiation
- Determination of subsequent crack growth rate
- Comparisons with ambient pressure data



The Process of Crack Growth Initiation

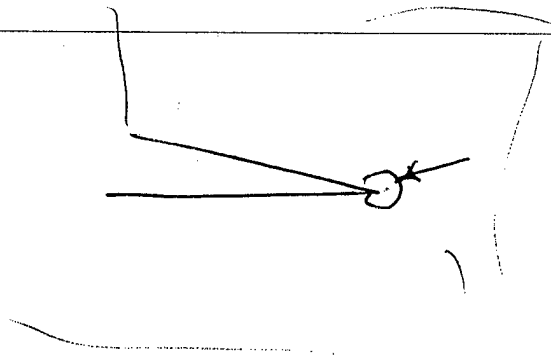
- Definition of initiation toughness: the *fracture initiation toughness* is defined as the stress intensity factor at the point in time at which the crack begins actual growth
- Prior to this point, significant blunting may occur
- Substantial crack growth can also occur
- Use of videotape images to determine onset of crack growth
- Determination of initiation toughness based on test machine data and correction factors

Determining Initiation Toughnesses

Initiation toughness is found using regression method

$$K_I = \sigma\sqrt{\pi a}\, f(a/w)$$

$$\sigma = \frac{K_I}{\sqrt{\pi a}\, f(a/w)}$$



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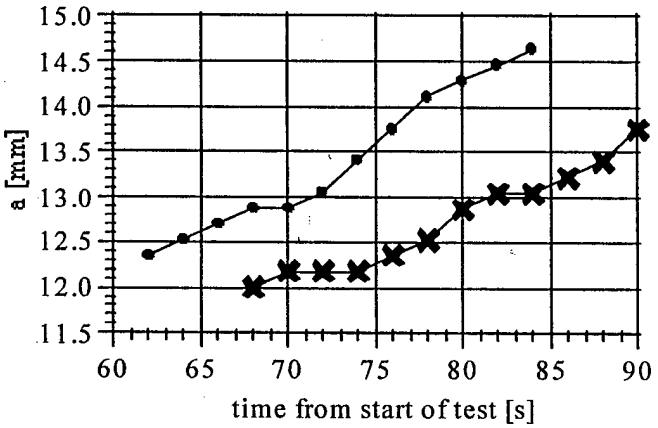
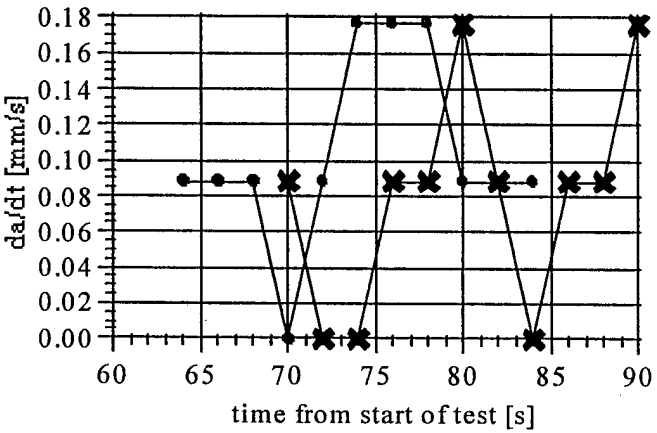
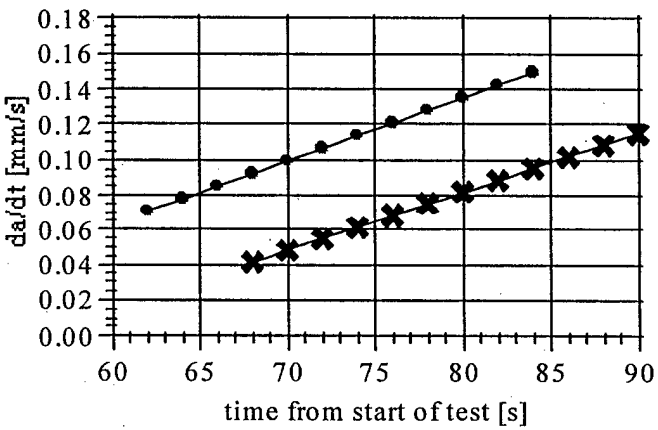
Complications in Determining Crack Growth Rates

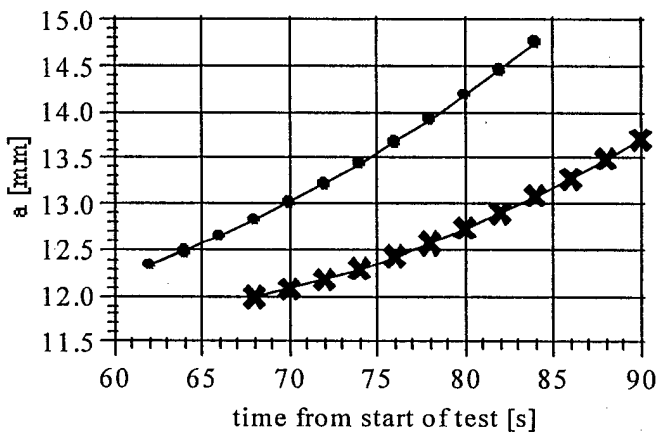
Secant method





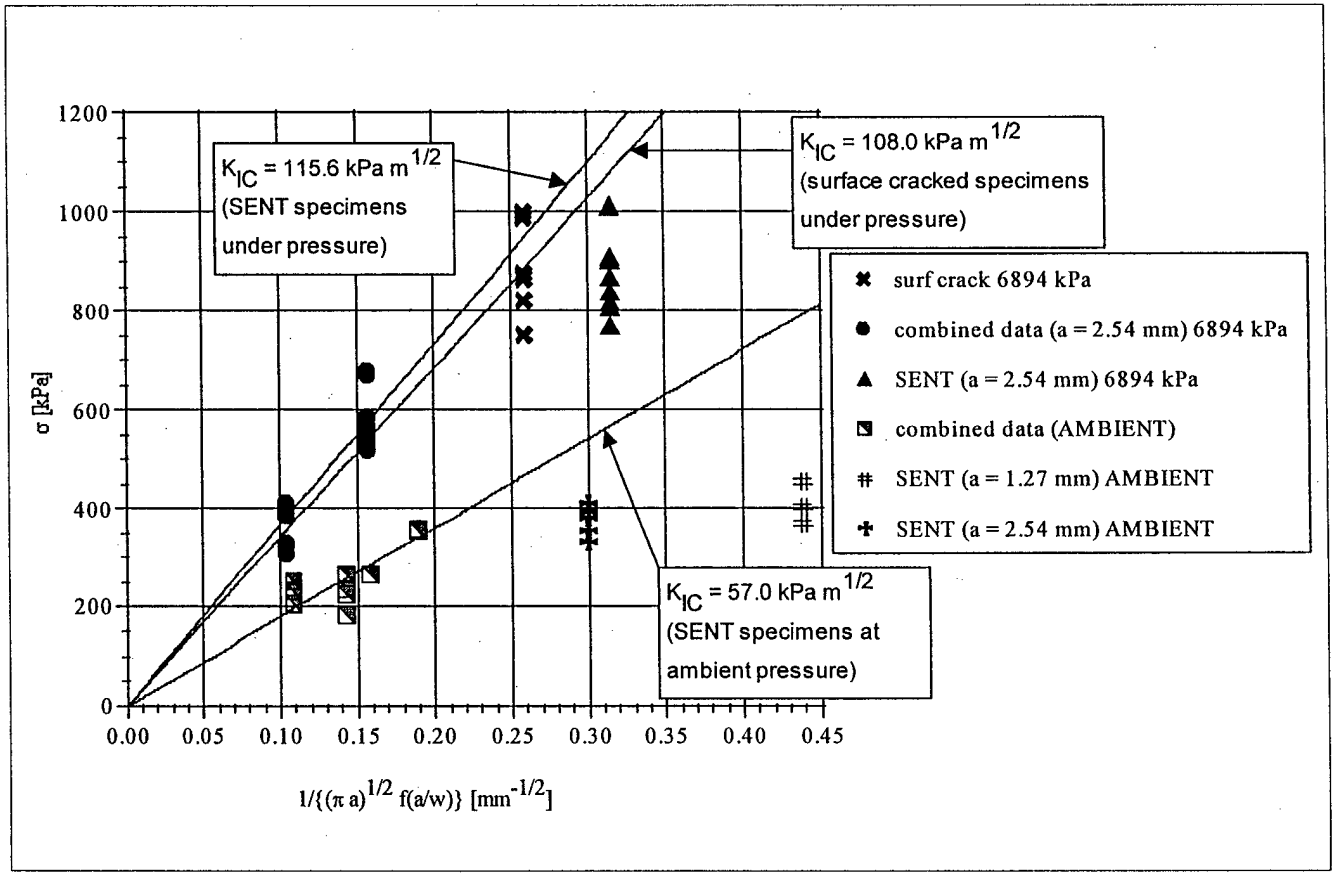
Polynomial method





Initiation Toughness Results

- Results give approximate threshold crack size
- Effect of pressure is to elevate initiation toughness
- SENT and surface cracked specimens give similar results



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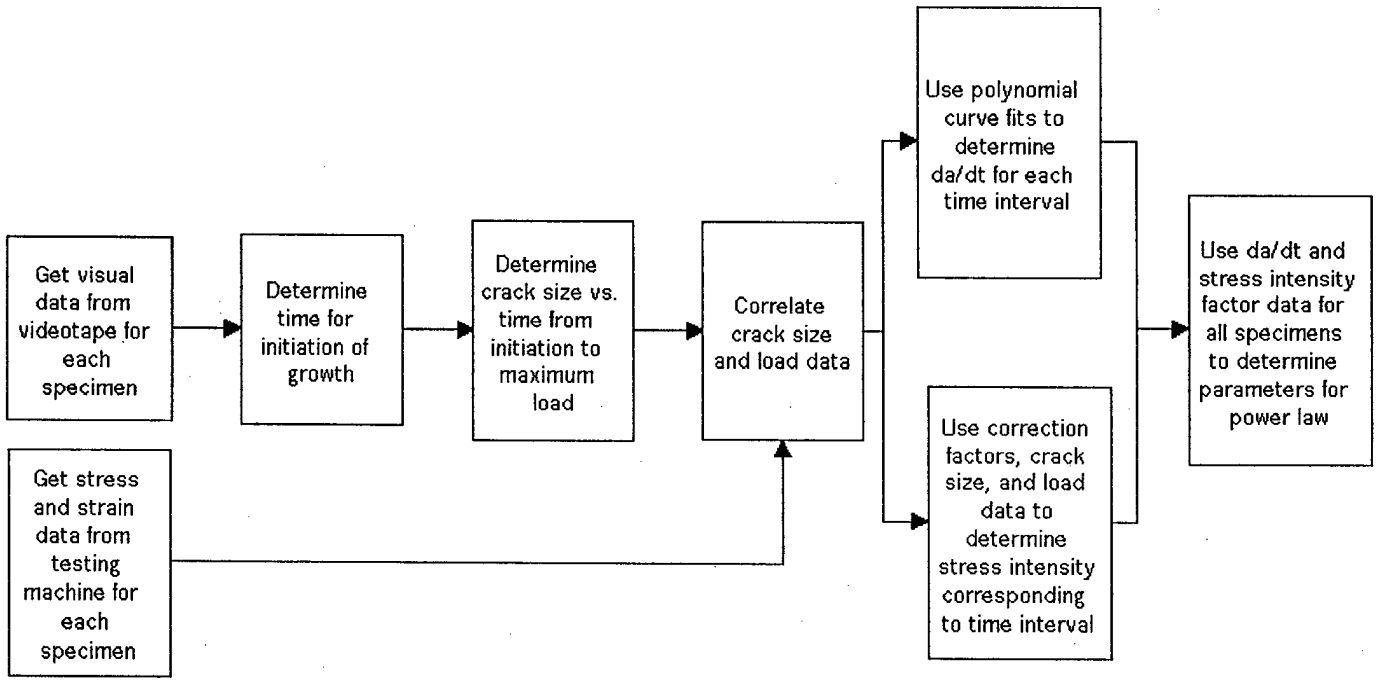
Determining Crack Growth Rates



Result for Pressurized Environment:

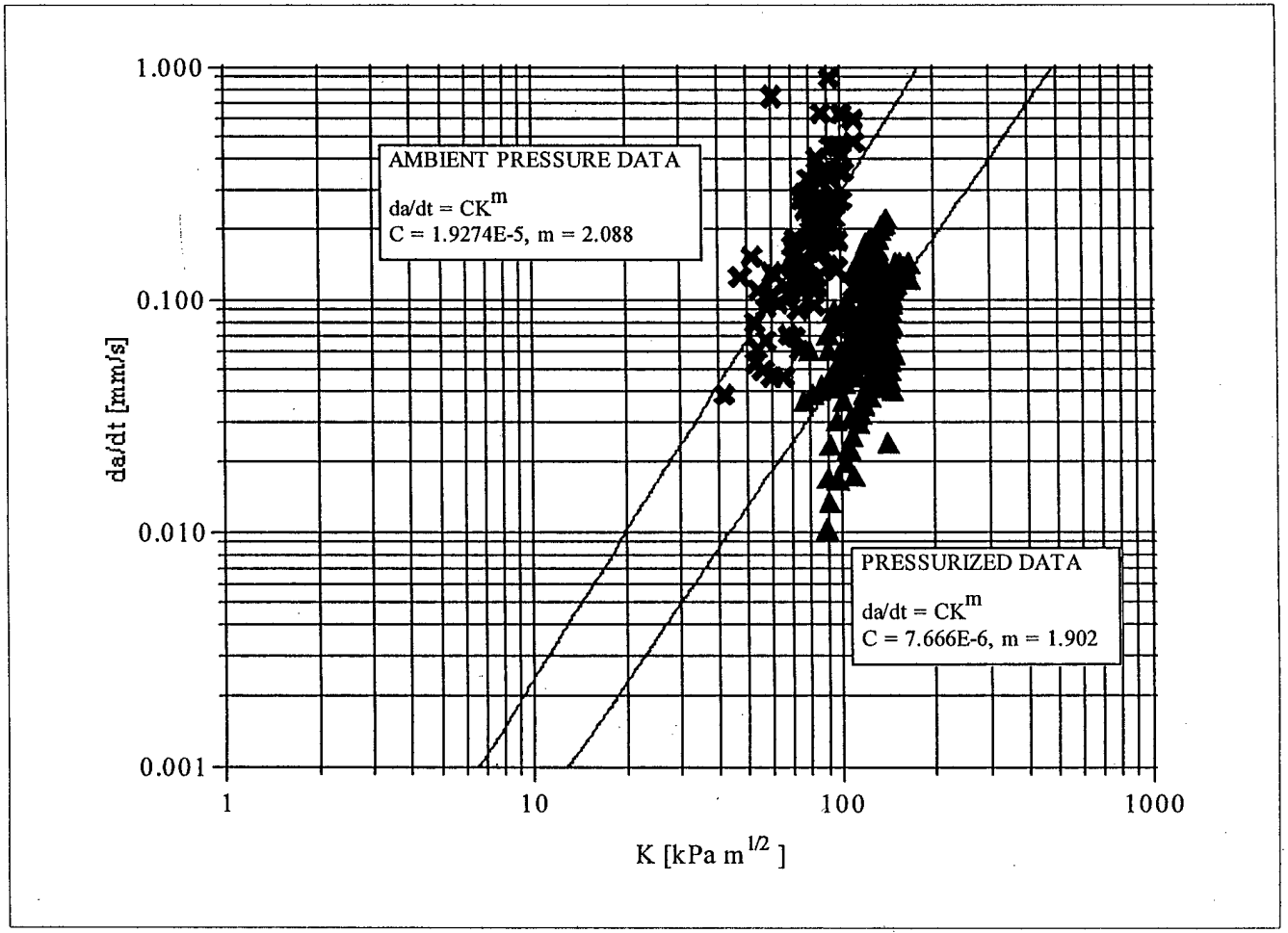
$$\frac{da}{dt} = CK_I^m \text{ (units of mm/s and kPa}\sqrt{\text{m}}\text{)}$$

$$C = 7.67E-06$$

$$m = 1.902$$

Crack Growth Results

Effect of pressure is to slow crack growth



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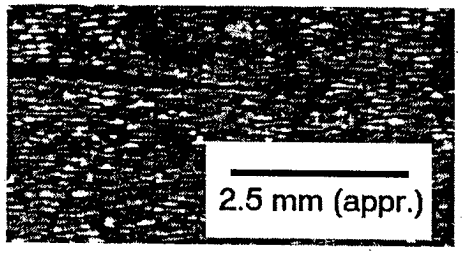
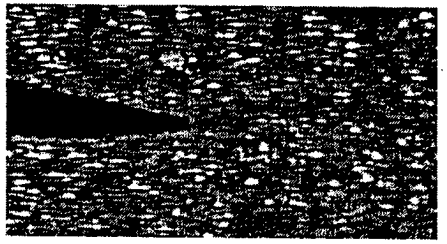


Crack just after loading begins



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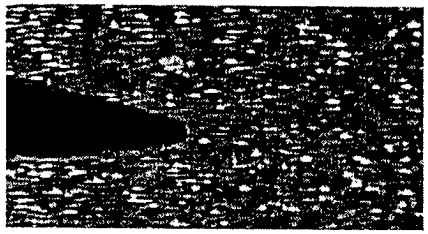

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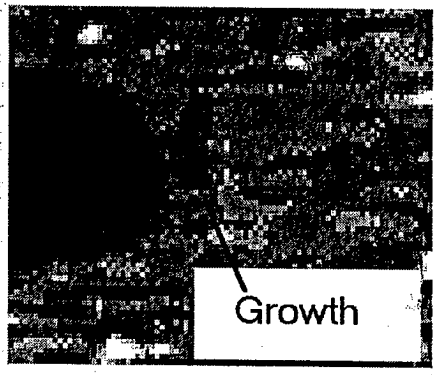
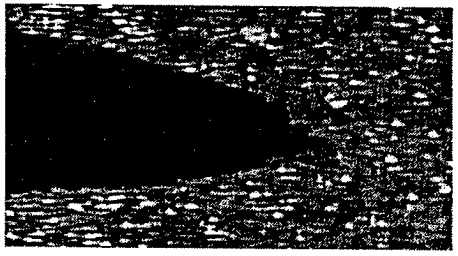
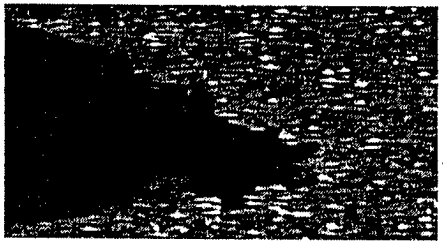


Close-up of crack at initiation of growth



Continued growth



Crack after extensive growth

Recommendations for Future Work

- Examination of short crack fracture phenomena
  - (Why do the short cracks behave differently?)
- Surface crack growth analysis
  - (Find a way to measure crack depth and width in pressurized environment)
- Link between microstructure and pressure effect
  - (Establish a connection between pressure effect and microstructural phenomena such as void nucleation, growth, and coalescence)